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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 11, 2009, in U.S. Application No. 11/579, 661. It is timely filed February 12, 2010, as the Federal Government was closed in Washington, D.C. on February 11, 2010. The PTO treats February 11, 2010, as a "federal holiday within the District of Columbia" under 35 U.S.C. § 21(b) and 37 C. F. R. §§ 1.6, 1.7, 1.9, 2.2(d), 2.195 and 2.196.

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